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*To the Chairman and Members of the Ashby Woulds Urban District Council:—*

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to present my Annual Report for the year 1951.

According to the Registrar General's estimate the population shows a slight increase from 3,358 in 1950 to 3,389.

The birth rate (15.0) is lower than last year (16.3) and less than that for England and Wales (15.5).

The death rate (8.9) is one of the lowest on record and less than last year (10.4) and lower than for England and Wales (12.5).

The chief causes of death were in diseases associated with elderly people.

It will be noted that water supply has been intermittent, pending augmented supply to this district from Derwent Valley Scheme now under construction.

Practically all the district has efficient sewerage disposal.

21 houses were completed during the year making a total of 178 houses completed in the post war period. The total number of applicants for council houses at the end of the year was 340, and the number of applications received during the year was 71. The housing of the people still remains the greatest problem before your Council.

44 cases of Infectious Disease were notified. Of these 32 were Measles, occurring mostly in March, April and May.

I am pleased to report for the fifth year in succession that no case of Diphtheria has been notified. I am also pleased to report that the number of children receiving immunisation against Diphtheria has showed an increase.

One new case of Pulmonary Tuberculosis was notified during the year, with one death from Pulmonary Tuberculosis, and two cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis were classed as cured.

I should like to thank the Staff of the Public Health Department of the County Council for their help and co-operation.

Finally I wish to express my thanks to Mr. P. C. Woodhall, Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector, for his invaluable assistance during the year, and to you, Ladies and Gentlemen, for your kindness and co-operation.

I remain, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

A. McM. W. SEGERDAL,

Medical Officer of Health.

## SECTION A.

### GENERAL STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area	... ..	2,399 acres
Population (Registrar General's Estimate)	...	3,389
Number of Inhabited Houses at the end of 1951		1,030
Rateable Value	... ..	£17,053
Sum represented by a penny rate	... ..	£65
Comparability factor	... ..	Deaths 1.14
		Births 1.08

The chief industries of the District are: Engineering, Agriculture, Coalmining, Earthenware and Brickmaking. No industry was noted as having an injurious effect on the health of the District.

There are three recreation grounds with an acreage of  $12\frac{1}{2}$  acres in the Urban District.

### VITAL STATISTICS.

	Male	Female	Total
Live Births—Legitimate	21	30	51
Illegitimate	0	0	0
	—	—	—
Total	21	30	51

Birth Rate—15.0 per 1,000 population.

England and Wales Birth Rate—15.5 per 1,000 population.

	Male	Female	Total
Still Births—Legitimate	1	0	1
Illegitimate	0	0	0
	—	—	—
Total	1	0	1

Still Birth Rate—0.27 per 1,000 population.

England and Wales Still Birth Rate—0.36 per 1,000 population.

Deaths.

Male	Female	Total
13	17	30

Death Rate per 1,000 population 8.9.

England and Wales Death Rate—12.5 per 1,000 population.

## Causes of Death during 1951.

	Male	Female	Total
Tuberculosis, respiratory ...	1	0	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach ...	0	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, breast ...	0	1	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms ... ..	0	1	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	6	3	9
Coronary disease, angina ... ..	3	1	4
Hypertension with heart disease ...	0	1	1
Other heart disease ... ..	1	3	4
Other circulatory disease ... ..	0	3	3
Influenza ... ..	0	2	2
Pneumonia ... ..	1	0	1
Bronchitis ... ..	1	0	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	0	1	1
Total	13	17	30

Death Rate from total maternal causes per 1,000 births (Live and Still)—0.

Ditto England and Wales—0.79.

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age:—

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	1	0	1
Illegitimate	0	0	0
Total	1	0	1

Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age per 1,000 live births—19.6.

Ditto England and Wales—29.6.

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age:—

Nil.

Chief causes of Death during 1951.

Vascular lesions of nervous system, 9. Heart disease, 9.

## SECTION B.

### GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

#### HOSPITALS.

All hospitals except a few private Maternity and Nursing Homes are under the Sheffield Regional Hospital Board. The County Homes for the aged and infirm are under the auspices of the County Council. When the residents take ill they become the responsibility of the Regional Hospital Board.



## TREATMENT CENTRES AND CLINICS.

Infant Welfare Clinics are held every second and fourth Thursday afternoon at the Centenary Methodist Church, Donisthorpe Road, Moira. Tuberculosis and Ante-natal clinics are held at Bridge Road, Coalville, the former being under the Regional Hospital Board.

## AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

The County Council is responsible for all ambulance facilities in the County. Colliery accidents are removed by Ambulances provided by the National Coal Board stationed at Nailstone Colliery and Moira Colliery.

## NURSING IN THE HOME.

All district Nursing and midwifery is under the County Council.

## HEALTH VISITING.

This work is provided by the County Council, and is very ably carried out in the area. A Diabetic Health Visitor attends the Clinic at the Leicester Royal Infirmary and visits the patients in their homes.

## LABORATORY FACILITIES.

The Public Health Laboratory at Isolation Hospital, Groby Road, Leicester.

The examination performed on behalf of the district in the County Laboratory are as follows:

Waters	...	...	1
Sputa	...	...	2
Miscellaneous	...	...	9
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Total			12

## SECTION C.

### SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

#### WATER SUPPLY.

The District is supplied by the Swadlincote and Ashby's Joint Water Board from the Milton Reservoir except for a few outlying properties which obtain their water from wells.

Additional bulk supply of water is obtained from the Swadlincote District Urban District Council. The quality of the piped water supply is good but hard.

## DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

An extension of the Main Sewer on Norris Hill Housing Estate was carried out.

## CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

Total Number in District on December 31st.

Privies ... 8      Pail Closets ... 24      W.C.'s ... 727

There was 1 Privy converted to Pail Closet during the year.

## PUBLIC CLEANSING.

House Refuse is collected weekly by the Council's workmen with covered lorry and conveyed to suitable tips where it is deposited in layers and covered with soil.

Earth Closets, Privies, Ashpits and Cesspools are emptied at frequent intervals by Council's workmen. The nightsoil and contents of cesspools is carted onto the land and ploughed in and that from ashpits is conveyed to tips, deposited in layers and covered with soil.

## SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF THE AREA.

Total Number of Complaints received ...      39

Total Number of Defects and Nuisances discovered      39

Inspections Made.

	First Inspections	Revisits
Bakehouses ... ..	2	8
Drainage Works ... ..	145	75
Dwelling Houses ... ..	320	192
Food Premises ... ..	12	12
Rats and Mice Destruction ... ..	4	4
Refuse Collection and Disposal ... ..	434	—
Schools ... ..	30	—
Shops ... ..	14	50
Water Supply ... ..	2,148	—
Other Inspections ... ..	60	25

## NOTICES.

	Housing	Others
Issued during year ... ..	3	4
Complied with during year ... ..	3	4

## SECTION D.

### HOUSING.

#### (a) New Houses.

Total number of Applicants for Council Houses at end of Year ... ..	340
Houses erected and occupied during the year ...	71
Inspection of Dwelling Houses during Year.	
(1) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for Housing defects ... ..	71
(2) Number of inspections made for the purpose ...	217
(3) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding heading) found not to be in all respects reasonable fit for human habitation ... ..	32
Remedy of defects during the year without Formal Notices.	
Number of houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action ... ..	32
Total number of occupied houses in district ... ..	1,030

## SECTION E.

### INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD. MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

All slaughtering is done at Regional Slaughter House,  
Coalville.

Meat Shops.	No. of inspections	...	12
Places where food, other than meat, is prepared.	No. of inspections	...	28

### ICE CREAM.

No. of premises registered:—

(a) Manufacture and Retail	...	...	...	Nil
(b) Manufacture only	...	...	...	Nil
(c) Retail only	...	...	...	2

The model Bye-laws Series I (Ministry of Food) were adopted  
1st August, 1950.

## SECTION F.

### PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Infectious Diseases (other than Tuberculosis)  
during 1951.

Disease	Final numbers after correction	Cases admitted to hospital	Total Deaths
Whooping Cough ...	9	0	0
Measles ...	32	1	0
Pneumonia ...	2	0	1
Diagnosis not confirmed	0	1	0
Total	43	2	1

### ANALYSIS UNDER AGE GROUPS ACCORDING TO REGISTRAR GENERAL'S RETURN 118d.

Age Groups	Whooping Cough	Measles
Under 1 ...	1	1
1—2 ...	1	9
3—4 ...	2	11
5—9 ...	5	10
10—14 ...	0	0
15—24 ...	0	0
25 and over ...	0	0
Age unknown ...	0	1
	9	32

Age Groups	Pneumonia
Under 5 ...	0
5—14 ...	0
15—44 ...	0
45—64 ...	2
65 and over ...	0
	2

### IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA.

Number of children who were immunised during  
the period 1st January to 31st December, 1951.

Age at 31.12.51 i.e., Born in year	Under 1 1951	2 1950	3 1949	4 1948	5 1947	6 1946	7 1945	8 1944	9 1943	10 1942	11 1941
Primary											
Immunisation ...	1	20	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Booster Dose ...	0	0	0	0	0	8	4	0	1	0	2

Estimated Mid-Year Child Population, 1951.

Number of Children aged 0—4 (inclusive)	294
Number of Children aged 5—14 (inclusive)	471

Statement of particulars appearing in  
the Tuberculosis Register for the year  
ending 31st December, 1951.

	MALES		FEMALES		Total
	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	
Number of Cases on Register at Commencement of year ... ..	3	5	5	3	16
Number of Cases notified for the first time during the year ... ..	0	0	1	0	1
Number of Cases added to Register other than by formal notification ...	0	0	0	0	0
Number of Cases restored to Register ... ..	0	0	0	0	0
Number of Cases removed from the Register during the year	2	0	2	0	4
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Number of Cases remaining on the Register at end of year ... ..	1	5	4	3	13

CAUSES OF REMOVAL.

	MALES		FEMALES		Total
	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	
Died ... ..	1	0	0	0	1
Cured ... ..	1	0	1	0	2
Left County ... ..	0	0	1	0	1
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Total ... ..	2	0	2	0	4

## FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 AND 1948.

Résumé of the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health in respect of the Year 1951, which has already been sent to the Ministry of Labour and National Service, Orphanage Road, Watford, Herts.

### *PART I OF THE ACT.*

1. Inspections for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

	Number on Register	Inspections
Factories in which Section 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	13	26

### *PART VIII OF THE ACT.*

*Outwork (Sections 110 and 111).*

#### *Section 110.*

Nature of Work	No. of Outworkers in August last required by Section 110 (1) (c) (3)
Wearing apparel making, etc.	Nil.



